

### *Amendments to the Claims*

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
3. (currently amended) A method for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, comprising applying the demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicide fluquinconazole to the seed of said plants. ~~one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group consisting of:~~
  - a) ~~triazoles:~~
    - ~~a.1. azaconazole, a.2. bitertanol, a.3. bromuconazole, a.4. cyproconazole, a.5. difenoconazole, a.6. diniconazole, a.7. epoxiconazole, a.8. fenbuconazole, a.9. fluquinconazole, a.10. flusilazole, a.11. flutriafol, a.12. hexaconazole, a.13. imibenconazole, a.14. ipconazole, a.15. metconazole, a.16. myclobutanil, a.17. paclobutrazol, a.18. penconazole, a.19. propiconazole, a.20. prothioconazole, a.21. simeconazole, a.22. tebuconazole, a.23. tetraconazole, a.24. triadimenol, a.25. triticonazole;~~
  - b) ~~pyrimidines:~~
    - ~~b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;~~
  - e) ~~pyridines:~~
    - ~~e.1. pyrifenoxy;~~
  - d) ~~imidazoles:~~
    - ~~d.1. imazalil, d.2. oxpoconazole fumarate, d.3. peforazoate, d.4. prochloraz, d.5. triflumizole; and mixtures thereof~~

~~to the seed of said plants.~~
4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (cancelled)
9. (currently amended) Soya bean seed, that has been treated, coated or a combination thereof with the DMI fungicide fluquinconazole. one or more DMI fungicides selected from the group consisting of:
  - a) ~~triazoles:~~
    - a.20. prothioconazole;
  - b) ~~pyrimidines:~~
    - b.1. fenarimol, b.2. nuarimol;
  - e) ~~pyridines:~~
    - e.1. pyrifenoxy ; and mixtures thereof.
10. (cancelled)
11. (new) A method according to claim 3 comprising applying a mixture of fluquinconazole with an active compound selected from the group consisting of prothioconazole, tolyfluanid, fluoxastrobin, trifluoxystrobin, azoxystrobin and pyraclostrobin.
12. (new) A method according to claim 3 comprising applying the DMI fungicide fluquinconazole to the seed of transgenic soya bean plants.
13. (new) A method according to claim 3 comprising applying a mixture of fluquinconazole with an active compound selected from the group consisting of prothioconazole, tolyfluanid, fluoxastrobin, trifluoxystrobin, azoxystrobin and pyraclostrobin to the seed of transgenic soya bean plants.

14. (new) A method for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, consisting essentially of applying the demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicide fluquinconazole to the seed of said plants.
15. (new) A method for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, consisting essentially of applying the demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicide fluquinconazole with an active compound selected from the group consisting of prothioconazole and tolyfluanid to the seed of said plants.
16. (new) A method according to claim 14 consisting essentially of applying the DMI fungicide fluquinconazole to the seed of transgenic soya bean plants.
17. (new) A method for protecting soya bean plants against soya bean rust, consisting essentially of applying the demethylation inhibitor (DMI) fungicide fluquinconazole with an active compound selected from the group consisting of prothioconazole and tolyfluanid to the seed of transgenic soya bean plants.